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All for Mindanao

Twenty-eight chambers of commerce from across the Mindanao region have proposed the creation of a private sector-led technical working group to review government policies outlined in the 2004-2007 Mindanao Action Agenda and to recommend key policy reforms for inclusion in the 2008-2011 agenda. The chambers made their proposal during annual planning meetings held in Cagayan de Oro (above) and General Santos City. The meetings were organized with support from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry and USAID's Growth with Equity in Mindanao (GEM) Program, which works with selected Mindanao business support organizations to enhance economic opportunities and improve the business climate in the region. The implementation of GEM is overseen by the Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo).

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